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REMARKS

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1. Between 7 and 16 September 1952, 15 to 20 splinter-proof aircraft revetments were under construction in the southwestern portion of Desau airfield. One of the revetments was completed by 16 September. 1

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2. At 7 a.m. on 24 September, 48 IL-10s and five biplanes were observed at the field. There was heavy flying by ground attack aircraft. Three wooden sheds, two 50 meters long and one 30 meters long, were nearing completion at the northern edge of the field, west of the ruined buildings located there. The doors of the sheds had an estimated width of 15 meters.

3. Ten newly constructed aircraft revetments were observed in the western corner of the installation. Six additional revetments were seen near the southwestern corner of the taxiway. The revetments consisted of wooden poles about three meters long, which were rammed into the ground and were then interconnected by fascines. They were protected against the earth by a layer of roofing paper. The revetments formed a semicircle with a diameter of about 20 meters; the outer walls were reinforced by earth. <sup>1</sup>

11. The board fence on the north side of the field along Kuehnauer Strasse was completed. Three entrenchments about 12 meters long were seen outside the fence. Parts of them had caved in. 2

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5. [redacted] board fence had been built at the field along the Dessau-Koethen railroad line. Six AA guns were seen in an emplacement built by the side of the railroad line during the last weeks. 3 Four aircraft revetments were under construction near the railroad line; two others had been completed. The revetments consisted of poles, boards and earth. 4 On 14 September, 43 IL-10s were observed at the landing field. 4

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6. Between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 15 September, two biplanes practiced school flying lasting 10 to 30 minutes. Spot landings were subsequently made. Between 1 and 5:45 p.m. on 16 September, ground attack aircraft practicing take-offs were also observed. At 1:20 p.m., a ground attack plane towing a sleeve target took off. Between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on 17 September, there was flying by two biplanes which were apparently used for basic training. At 2:30 p.m. on 18 September, three ground attack planes took off. Between 7 p.m. and midnight three biplanes were observed flying. The planes took off without the help of lights but later switched on their position lights. Between 1 and 6 p.m. on 19 September, 10 to 12 IL-10s, [redacted] practiced take-

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take-offs in groups of three and four. Individual take-offs were also observed. At 1 p.m., a ground attack plane towing an air sleeve took off. 4

7. On 21 September, 47 ground attack aircraft were observed at the field. They were parked in groups, but all of them were marked by white upper edges of their rudder assemblies. One group of 14 planes [redacted] had yellow propeller hubs, a second group had white, and a third group of six planes had red propeller hubs. A fourth group of 13 planes had also white propeller hubs, however, with a yellow stripe five centimeters wide. Five bi-planes were also seen at the field. 4 At 7:55 p.m. on 21 September, a pyrotechnic signal was fired at the field, apparently from the direction of the flight control station. Immediately afterwards, heavy AAA fire was heard from the training area east of Aken for about 15 minutes. The noise of conventional aircraft piston engines was heard; however, no ground attack aircraft had taken off from the field before the signal was fired.

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8. On 20 September, [redacted] a plane, which came in for a landing, had extended only one wheel of its landing gear. The pilot apparently tried to release the second wheel while circling. From the noise heard subsequently [redacted] the plane made a belly landing.

9. An AAA emplacement with 37-mm guns was observed at the southeastern border of the field. A Soviet soldier armed with a submachine gun was seen near each gun. About 50 meters from the emplacement, there was a large tent, half dug into the earth, an optical set, probably a range finder, was located in front of it. The set was guarded by a sentry. Another small tent with a table and chairs in front of it was seen between the large tent and the fence around the field. Ammunition was piled up near the AAA emplacement.

10. Between 23 and 29 September, about the same number of ground attack aircraft was observed at the field as on 21 September. Between 10:20 and 11:30 a.m. on 25 September, five ground attack planes took off and landed in groups of two. At 7:30 a.m. on 26 September, five ground attack planes practiced low-level flying. The planes landed at 8 a.m. At 9:10 a.m., five ground attack planes took off toward Leipzig. One MiG-15 landed at 4:15 p.m. 4 On 27 and 29 September, MiG-15s, which had apparently come from Koethen, practiced aerobatics and air fighting over Dessau.

1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the construction at the field of aircraft revetments was transmitted previously. [redacted] It appears that such revetments are being built at all airfields in the East Germany. For location and design of these revetments, see Annexes 1 and 2.

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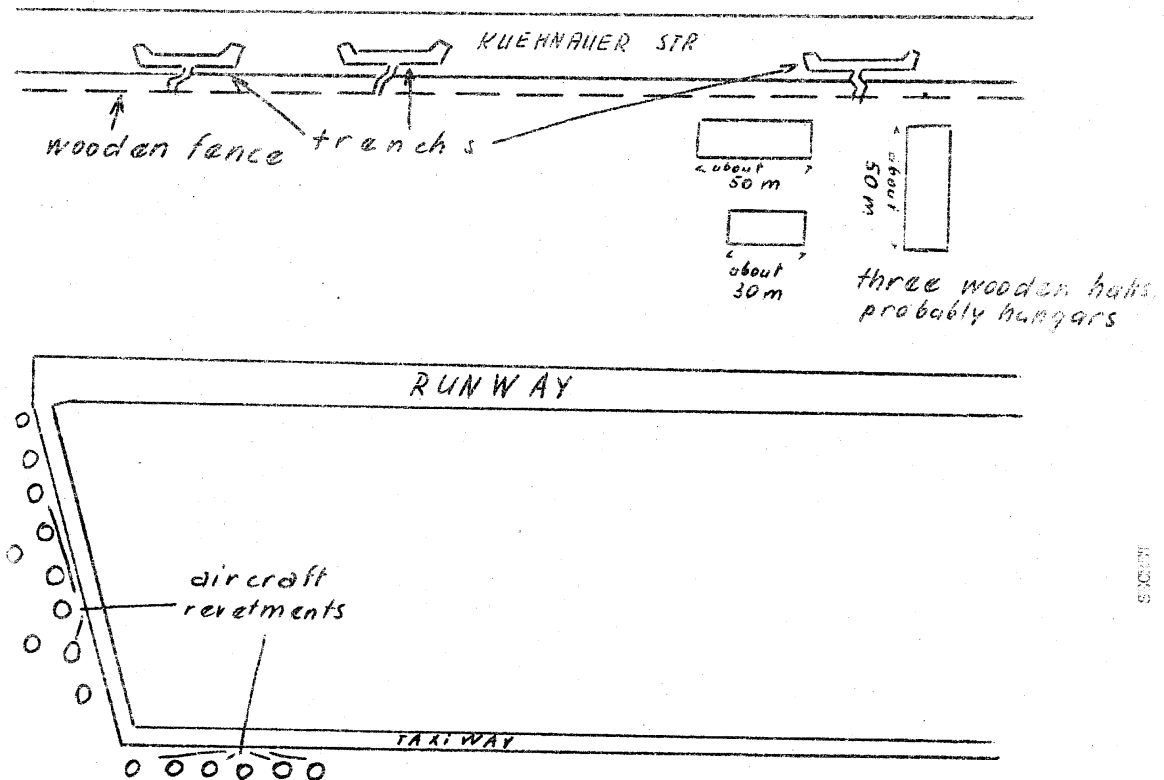
2. [redacted] Comment. Entrenching work was observed at the northern edge of the field [redacted] It is believed that the entrenchments were constructed at that time. For location of these entrenchments, see Annex 1.

3. [redacted] Comment. So far, the existence of only this AAA emplacement in the southern portion of the field, east of the flight control station has been reported. It is, however, believed that there is at least a second AAA battery of six 37-mm guns either at the field or very close to it.

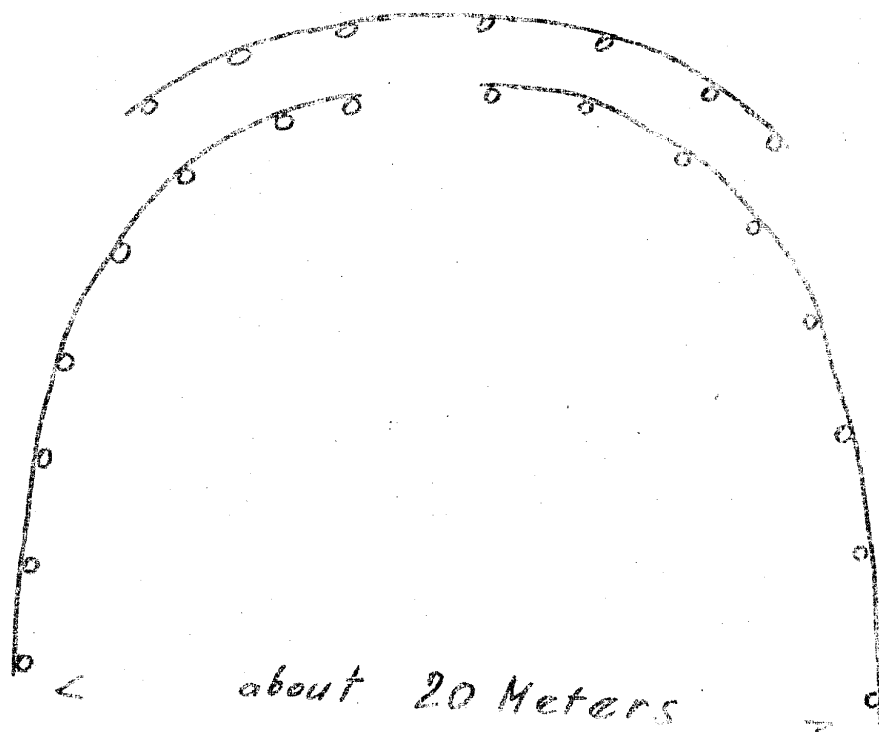
4. [redacted] Comment. These data confirms previous information, according to which one ground attack regiment is stationed at the field. The planes of the regiment are marked by white upper edges of the rudder assemblies, while the planes of the individual squadrons are marked by differently colored propeller hubs.

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Location of Wooden Sheds, Trenches and Aircraft Revetments at Jonson Field



Sketch of Aircraft Revetment  
Observed on Dessau Airfield



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